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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Donna Noonan, managing member at American Metal Crafters LLC a metal box manufacturer in Middletown, CT.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

We need to cut costs not increase them. We are already competing with products from Mexico at a reduced rate of 30% to 35%. The last thing we need to do is drive more people out of business.

We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Signed.



Donna Noonan
Managing Member
American Metal Crafters LLC